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An examination of the accounts of the Society has revealed certain irregularities in the sale of iron and steel and the hiring of the Society's lorry. The Registrar of Co-operative Societies is examining the question of taking action against the President and the Secretary for irregularities.''

Loss sustained by the Government Nandanar Institutions due to cyclone.

* 660 *Q*.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any loss was sustained by the Government Nandanar Institutions on account of the Tanjore cyclone in December 1952; and

(*b*) if so, the nature and the extent of loss?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—'' (*a*) No loss was sustained by the Government Nandanar Institutions on account of cyclone in 1952.

'' (*b*) Does not arise.''

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—'' Sir, may I know whether there was any expenditure on electricity schemes immediately after the Tanjore Cyclones and if so, what is the amount spent on that? ''

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—'' Sir, I am afraid the hon. Member is switching on to some other question.''

Strike of estate workers of Wynaad.

* 661 *Q*.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the recent general strike of 20,000 estate workers of Wynaad, Malabar, was called off as the Hon. the Chief Minister promised to intervene in the dispute; and

(*b*) if so, the steps taken by the Government to redress their grievances?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' (*a*) Yes. The Chief Minister advised Shri Kumaran to break his fast and assured workers that the Government will examine their grievances. On this assurance being given, Shri Kumaran broke his fast and workers resumed work.

'' (*b*) A Special Industrial Tribunal has been constituted for plantations. Many of the issues raised by plantation workers have been referred to this Tribunal for adjudication, and the award of the Tribunal is awaited.''